

Park Department's Grass Tennis Courts Are in Big Demand

The popularity of the grass tennis courts at Seaside and Beardsley park which were inaugurated for the first time in Bridgeport this year has been so great that the Park department is likely to increase the facilities three fold next year.

A demand for tennis courts at the parks has been made repeatedly for a number of years but appropriations for concrete foundations were lacking. The grass courts were substituted with the result that four courts at Seaside and three courts at Beardsley park have been occupied with players waiting their turn.

Preparations will be made this winter to increase the number and a request for appropriation for cement foundations likely will be made.

The sea wall is reported as progressing satisfactorily with 450 feet of foundation completed and the superstructure completed nearly half the allotted distance. The railroad track from the Crane Company's west end plant has been laid and a temporary trestle for dumping the "fill" also completed. It is expected that before snow flies this year's work will have been equal to that finished in 1914.

Stratford Selectmen Give Judge Peck Work of Indexing Records

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Sept. 13.—At the regular meeting of the board of selectmen held Saturday evening at the town hall the Times Publishing Company of Stratford was awarded the contract furnishing 800 copies of the annual town report at \$1.50 a page. The Standard Publishing Association of Bridgeport was the only other bidder. They offered to do the work at the same price but the contract was given to the local firm.

Judge Charles H. Peck was given the work of indexing the indexes of land records at a fee of \$20. Permission was granted Arthur J. Lewis of Cut Spring road to carry a revolver.

The selectmen voted to abate the taxes of George Wells of Paradise Green on the grand list of 1913 on the recommendation of Tax Collector John C. Wilcoxson. Mr. Wells is a very aged man and has been in poor health for some time. All bills of the town were ordered paid.

THE LUSITANIA

The first great triumph of the liner Lusitania was scored eight years ago, Friday, September 13, 1907, when she took from the North German Lloyd line the sea speed laurels. The Lusitania was built with the purpose of bringing back to England the transatlantic record which the Germans had wrested away from John Bull and held for a decade, and in that purpose the ill-fated vessel was successful. The Lusitania was the first four-propellered turbine steamship. After her triumph of 1907 "Big Lucy" twice broke her own records. In 1908 she broke the record by making a westward trip in five days and 54 minutes, and she later lowered this time to four days, 11 hours and 42 minutes. This stood as the record until 1910, when the Lusitania's sister ship, the Mauretania, made a trip in four days, 10 hours and 41 minutes, a record which still holds. The Lusitania brought to the United States the first two-cent letter mail from England. She was the first ship to average for a whole day's run more than 25 knots. In this great run, made on May 25, 1908, the Lusitania made an average of 26 1/4 knots for the 24 hours. The Lusitania made her first run to sea in the summer of 1907, when she took a 700-mile spin around Ireland.

Anniversary of Gowdy's Debut in National League

Hank Gowdy, the Boston backstop, will celebrate today the fifth anniversary of his debut in the National League. Hank got his major league start with the New York Giants on Sept. 13, 1910, when he covered first base in a game in which the Pirates opposed the McGraw club. Gowdy's record in the field was ten putouts, one assist and one error. At the bat he didn't get a hit in three times up, the delivery of "Babe" Adams being too baffling for the future star of the Beaneaters. Gowdy was bought by the Giants from the Dallas club of the Texas League, and had previously played with Lancaster, in the Ohio State League. Hank stuck with the Giants less than a year, and in July, 1911, McGraw swapped him to the Braves for Charley Herzog. Gowdy's work at the initial bag didn't make much of an impression on Stallings, and he shipped him off to Buffalo, where he was put behind the bag, and soon became the star backstop of the International circuit. Hank was recalled to the Boston club at the close of the International season.

Gowdy is not the only member of the great 1914 aggregation of Braves who failed to make good on his first assignment, but by switching positions developed into a star. Stallings himself was a failure as a catcher in the big show, but he is considered a pretty fair manager. Schmidt was a catcher as a pitcher, but Jack Dunn developed him into a crack first baseman. Evers started as a shortstop, but soon found his natural position at the keystone bag. Connolly also started as a pitcher, but had to settle down in the outfield. Old Fred Mitchell was a pitcher before he became a backstop. Teddy Cather was another reformed twirler.

A resolution urging the appointment of a minister of labor in the Cabinet was adopted by the Trades Union Congress at Bristol, England.

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O'SHAUGHNESSY IS NO LONGER IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT



NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY

Nelson O'Shaughnessy, who represented the United States in Mexico City as charge d'affaires during the Huerta regime, and who recently was connected with the embassy at Vienna, is no longer on the state department payroll. Upon his return from Vienna O'Shaughnessy was given a sixty day leave of absence, which has expired, and his pay has been stopped. State department officials refuse to say why he was dropped from the payroll. O'Shaughnessy was popular in Mexico. Through his personal efforts with Huerta he brought about the release of a number of Americans. O'Shaughnessy had been in the diplomatic service eleven years.

Apprehend Fugitive For Theft of Auto From Devon Resident

The Ford automobile, the property of H. W. Barlow of Devon, stolen from in front of the Stratfield hotel two weeks ago, has been recovered in Ossining, N. Y., and James McLaughlin, an employee of the Remington Arms company, is held in custody, charged with the theft of the machine. Detective Peter Hall left for Ossining this morning to bring McLaughlin back to this city where he will be arraigned on the charge of theft. The latter boarded at 1,729 Noble avenue.

Fulton Street Man, Keeper of Joint, Sentenced to Jail

A sentence of 30 days in jail was meted out to John Kiley, charged with keeping a disorderly house at 59 Fulton street, by Judge Bartlett in the city court today. The house was raided Sunday at 3:30 a. m. by Policemen Dalling, Simpson and J. Glendon. The house has long borne an ill reputation. Annie Vinture, alias Annie Hollenbeck, charged with drunkenness and frequency, was sentenced to 60 days in jail. Lazzie Carey, on the same charge, received a jail sentence of 30 days. Thomas Kiley and William Bookchin, two frequenters, also were sentenced to 30 days in jail. Judgment was suspended in the case of Abe Carl and a nolle entered in the case of Joe Vinture, both charged with frequenting.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The initial service is held in the evening of the 17th of September. The entire day of the 18th of September is devoted to it. The Ritual of the Day is public and congregational; but its significance is personal. The Day brings the people together, because they share the limitations of human nature and because they are equally aware of the fact that our careers, whatever they may be to others, satisfy or dissatisfy ourselves in accordance with our moral or immoral interests. This Holy Day gives opportunity for earnest thought on our inner life. The difficulties men encounter in the course of a busy year may prove, after self-examination, to be not "degrees" of God but instances of their shortcomings. The ancients frankly and humbly called them "sins."

The reminiscences of centuries cling to this Day of days and make its lessons suggestive and impressive. In ancient times Priests solemnly invested it with dignity and the persecutions of later times gave it pathos and intense fervor. It is always a salutary experience to face the facts of life as they are, to realize that there are illusions and delusions, to bring home to ourselves the truth that we work under the limitations of mind, heart and will. Men who feel their responsibilities will neither ignore this reminder nor evade the appeal. They will frankly avow the shortcomings of their common human nature in the midst of the busy lowliness. The Day of Atonement is not for selfish privacies, as little as for penitence which is merely penance. It is for moral uplift by which we may acquire moral strength. The first act of moral health is humility.

The Ritual of the Day expresses openness, sympathy and a desire to attain to a moral will. And so do the customs of the Day. Fasting is meant as a discipline of self-control, the sponsor of many virtues. Concentration upon the problems of character makes it easy and noble. Public confession of sins is an act of will, an assertion of the best in one's self. The Day brings men together in a consciousness of their common mortality. Judaism makes men genuinely democratic; it makes them realize that they are equal before God.

One phase of the Ritual of the Day is the thought and memory of the Dead. Each man thinks of the void that has come into his career through the loss of kindred and of the obligations he has because of it. And all think of the Eminent Dead, of the men of efficiency and world-influence, who have served and advanced the good of the world. In this too there is evidence of the democracy of Judaism. Whatever their origin or place, the great and good are remembered with affection.

The Day of Atonement is a day for inner peace, and accordingly, the Jews re-assert their loyalty to Peace for themselves and for mankind. By the assertion of the better self they broaden it into good-will for fellow-men. Know thyself, and if thou dost, thou wilt understand, feel with and respect thy fellowman. This is the basis of Justice and Peace.

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AMERICAN RANCHMAN, HELD CAPTIVE, FLEES

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 13.—John Lowenbruck, an American ranchman, kidnaped last week by Mexican bandits, taken across the border near Columbus, N. M., and held for \$2,000 ransom, has escaped his captors, according to a despatch early today from Hachitaw, N. M., to the Times. The kidnaping of Lowenbruck had been referred to the state and war departments at Washington.

FINED \$5 FOR ASSAULT.

Caesar Monte of 100 Lexington avenue, arraigned before Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court today, charged with feloniously assaulting Peter Domas of North Washington avenue, was fined \$5 and costs. The assault occurred at Congress and Main streets last evening during which Monte kicked Domas, bruising him and inflicting several lacerations on his head and face. The latter was taken to St. Vincent's hospital

for treatment. He was discharged this morning.

FINED FOR ASSAULT ON TROLLEY CAR CONDUCTOR

A fine of \$1 and costs was imposed by Judge Bartlett in city court this morning upon John C. Duch, 394 Berkshire avenue, arrested last evening, charged with assaulting Thomas Doonan, a conductor on the East Main street trolley line.

ALDERMANIC COMMITTEES WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY

The Finance Committee of the Common Council will meet Wednesday evening. The Claims Committee will also meet on Wednesday.

In an address before the business men's military instruction camp at American Lake, Wash., former President Taft urged military training in colleges and schools.

FACTORY BUYS PROPERTY IN LEXINGTON AVENUE

Maggie Brown has sold to Everlastik Company a parcel of land fronting 70 feet on Lexington avenue and adjoining property already owned by that concern.

Army officers at Panama have completed plans for the fortification of Taboga Island, 12 miles out in the Pacific ocean from the Canal entrance.

